

Challenges Doctor Bill Pocket Veto

By JOHN BECKLER
Associated Press Writer
WASHINGTON (AP) — President Nixon faces a possible court challenge over his use of a pocket veto to kill a family doctor training bill.

Supporters of the bill say the President abused his pocket veto authority when Congress was in a brief holiday recess.

They urged Congress to ignore the veto and appropriate funds, making it possible for a medical student eligible under the program to file a court action if the government fails to implement it.

Other members want Congress itself to seek a court ruling on the constitutionality of Nixon's action, and still others say the Constitution should be amended to clarify the pocket veto authority.

Nixon touched off the controversy last Saturday when he announced he was killing the Family Practice of Medicine Act by refusing to sign it. His failure to sign it amounted to a pocket veto, the White House said, because Congress was not meeting when the 10th day passed.

The Constitution provides a bill becomes law without the President's signature after 10 days if Congress is still in session. If Congress has adjourned, a bill dies if it hasn't been signed by the 10th day.

Congress was in the middle of a six-day Christmas recess when the 10 days expired on the family doctor bill, which would have provided \$225 million over three years for grants to medical schools to train general practitioners.

Before passing the temporary adjournment resolution, which fixed Dec. 28 as the date of return, the House and Senate provided that messages from the President could be received during the shutdown.

The purpose of the pocket veto provision in the Constitution is to cover a situation in which the adjournment of Congress makes it impossible for the President to return a vetoed bill so that Congress can reconsider it.

The bill's supporters say Nixon clearly violated the spirit, if not the letter, of the Constitution by wielding his pocket veto authority just two days before Congress returned and could have attempted to override a normal veto.

Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, assistant Democratic Senate leader, asked Atty. Gen. John N. Mitchell Wednesday to clarify the administration's position on the action.

Sen. Ralph Yarborough, D-Tex., at a news conference with Kennedy and other members of Congress, said Nixon's action, if upheld, would subject bills to a pocket veto whenever Congress took a long weekend.

Noting the bill passed with only one dissenting vote in the Senate and two in the House, Yarborough accused Nixon of "hiding behind a pocket veto" to avoid having a regular veto overridden.

Sen. Sam J. Ervin Jr., D-N.C., a leading Senate authority on the Constitution, said the pocket veto was ineffective in this case and the bill had become law. He urged the appropriation of funds next year to initiate a lawsuit.

Tricia to Wed Law Student

NEW YORK (AP) — President Nixon's daughter Tricia and Harvard law student Edward Finch Cox will be married in the second week of June, according to the Daily News society columnist Suzy Knickerbocker.

The columnist said in today's edition the ceremony probably would take place in the White House. "Tricia isn't too crazy about the idea of a White House wedding, but her father is."

The story added that after Cox finished law school the couple probably would live in New York.

Big Contract to Pine Bluff

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. John L. McClellan and Rep. David Pryor, both D-Ark., said Wednesday the Army has awarded a \$2.5 million contract to the Pine Bluff Arsenal for the manufacture of 6,900 incendiary bomb clusters.

Weather

Experiment Station report for 24-hours ending at 7 a.m. Thursday, High 46, Low 39, precipitation .48 of an inch.

Forecast

ARKANSAS — Slow clearing developing eastward across the state today becoming clear to night and partly cloudy Friday. Low tonight in the mid 20s to the mid 30s. High Friday in the upper 40s to the upper 50s.

Weather Elsewhere

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	High	Low	Pr.
Albany, clear	18	1	
Albuquerque, clear	48	19	
Atlanta, rain	39	32	.28
Bismarck, cloudy	33	15	
Boise, cloudy	41	39	.01
Boston, clear	28	18	
Buffalo, cloudy	18	4	
Charlotte, rain	36	28	.05
Chicago, cloudy	33	27	
Cincinnati, snow	35	27	T
Cleveland, cloudy	24	18	
Denver, cloudy	44	19	
De Moines, clear	40	22	
Detroit, cloudy	26	18	
Fairbanks, snow	26	40	
Fort Worth, clear	63	40	.11
Helena, cloudy	42	34	
Honolulu, rain	77	69	
Indianapolis, cloudy	30	28	
Jacksonville, rain	54	43	.30
Juneau, M.	M	M	
Kansas City, clear	50	32	.28
Los Angeles, cloudy	70	56	
Louisville, snow	36	28	.05
Memphis, rain	45	39	.57
Miami, clear	73	M	
Milwaukee, cloudy	27	20	
Mpls.-St.P., fog	30	15	
New Orleans, clear	64	46	.80
New York, cloudy	30	19	
Ola, clear	57	31	
Omaha, clear	6	17	
Philadelphia, cloudy	32	21	
Phoenix, clear	63	37	
Pittsburgh, cloudy	25	20	
Pland, Me., clear	24	8	
Pland, Ore., cloudy	51	41	
Rapid City, cloudy	37	22	
Richmond, cloudy	37	24	
St. Louis, snow	35	26	.05
Salt Lk. City, cloudy	36	26	
San Diego, fog	64	51	
San Fran., cloudy	57	49	
Seattle, cloudy	46	40	.88
Tampa, cloudy	71	64	
Washington, cloudy	38	27	
Winnipeg, cloudy	22	9	
M—Missing, T—Trace			

RUSSIAN COURT (From Page One)

foreign governments and leaders.

Sympathizers with the Leningrad Jews told newsmen in front of the Supreme Court building they were sure the Soviet authorities were influenced by Franco's clemency.

The defendants included nine Jews trying to emigrate to Israel and two Gentiles. They were arrested last June as they prepared to board a small Soviet airliner which they admitted planning to hijack and take to Sweden. The Jews said that was the only way they could get to Israel, the Soviet government having refused to let them emigrate.

Mark Dymshits, who was to fly the plane, and Edward Kuznetsov were given the death sentences as leaders of the plot. The court reduced the labor camp sentence given Iosif Mendelyevich from 15 years to 12, that of Ari Khokh from 13 years to 10, and Anatoly Altman's from 12 years to 10.

The trial and sentencing of the Jews set off a storm of protests in Western Europe, Israel and the United States, and a number of foreign governments and leaders appealed to the Soviet government for clemency.

The appeal court reversed the death sentences less than 24 hours after Generalissimo Francisco Franco, the Spanish chief of state, commuted the death sentences of six Basque nationalists, and Russians sympathetic to the Leningrad defendants said the Russian court undoubtedly was influenced by Franco's action.

The 11 defendants—nine Jews and two Gentiles—were arrested in June as they prepared to board a small Soviet airliner in Leningrad for Finland. At the trial, which began Dec. 15 and ended Christmas Eve, the Jews admitted planning to hijack the plane because the Soviet government refused to let them emigrate to Israel. They were charged with treason.

"In considering their appeals," the Soviet news agency Tass reported, "the Supreme Court proceeded from the fact that the hijack attempt was averted in time and that under the Soviet law the death penalty is an exceptional measure of punishment."

The court acted after a hearing that lasted a day and a half.



LET IT BLOW this youngster, photographed in New York City, seems prepared for any wintry blasts that may come up.

\$800,000 Found in Shoe Boxes

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (AP) — More than \$800,000 in cash has been found crammed into shoe boxes, envelopes and among personal belongings of Paul Powell, the late secretary of state of Illinois.

Cash totaling more than \$700,000 was found stuffed away in a closet of the Powell apartment in the St. Nicholas Hotel in Springfield, the executor of Powell's estate, John S. Rendleman, disclosed Wednesday.

The rest of the bills were tucked into envelopes removed from Powell's office after his death.

Powell, a power in the Illinois Democratic party, died Oct. 10 of a heart attack.

The money has been deposited in a Springfield bank, Rendleman said. He said it will be part of the inventory of the Powell estate to be filed in court.

Appointment Reassures Senators

By TOM SEPPY

Associated Press Writer
WASHINGTON (AP) — President Nixon's nominee to head the Office of Economic Opportunity has assured senators the administration has no plans to dismantle the domestic version of the Peace Corps.

"Reports in the press to zero funding of the VISTA program are inaccurate," Frank C. Carlucci told the Senate poverty subcommittee Wednesday of volunteers in service to America.

His nomination ran into a major roadblock from Sen. Alan Cranston, D-Calif., because Carlucci refused to say whether he would override a veto by Gov. Ronald Reagan of a \$1.8 million funding grant for a controversial California legal services program.

Cranston criticized Carlucci's statement that he would grant a 30-day extension to the California Rural Legal Services program while he studied charges made by Reagan last week. Reagan's office said a temporary continuation would be acceptable.

Carlucci said he could not decide immediately to override veto of the 1971 funding grant for the OEO program because he only received Reagan's letter Tuesday.

Cranston said he would prevent a full Senate committee confirming Carlucci's nomination because "I cannot accept the premise he cannot make a decision early next week."

Carlucci is now acting OEO director.

On VISTA, Carlucci said funds would be cut at the same level of other OEO programs, should the agency not receive all the money it requests for fiscal year 1972.

"I can assure you that there will be a VISTA program," he said, "and if there are cuts, VISTA will not be cut disproportionately."

Started Industry

The search for a better billiard ball by John Hyatt in 1869 led to the discovery of a thermoplastic substance that also marked the beginning of the plastic industry, according to Encyclopaedia Britannica.

Kremlin Has Special Talent in Damaging Image Around World

By WILLIAM L. RYAN

AP Special Correspondent

Many times in the past the Kremlin, by its actions, has painfully damaged its friends abroad. It has done so again in the Leningrad hijacking affair.

Big powers, captives of enormous, faceless bureaucracies, are prone to make themselves look disagreeable to others, but the Soviet leadership displays a special talent in this regard.

In the current case, as in others, Moscow hurt its own image and that of Moscow-brand communism in the bargain. Each time it does this sort of thing the Kremlin indicates by its reaction to world uproar that it doesn't relish the heat. But it seems unable to stay out of the kitchen.

This was the case again in the sentencing of two Jews to death and the imposition of labor camp sentences on seven other Jews and two Gentiles on charges of planning to seize and hijack an airliner. The Russian Supreme Court today commuted the two death sentences and reduced three of the penal terms. But it is clear to the rest of the world that there would be no such case if the Soviet Union did not keep people within its borders against their wills.

An old Stalinist rule says neither Jews nor anybody else can leave the Soviet Union at will. The same rule book calls for the harshest of punishment for a citizen who publicly exhibits a dislike for the system.

Coming so soon after Soviet strangulation of an infant independence movement in Czechoslovakia and amid the current campaign to suffocate any trace of intellectual dissent in the Soviet Union, the Leningrad case must be a grievous embarrassment for Moscow-line Communists elsewhere.

It was ever thus with Moscow's clients, who have had to flip and flop and wriggle with each Kremlin bombshell. To mention only some major ones: Stalin's cruel collectivization of farmers and incredible blood purges of the 1930s generated world horror, as did Stalin's 1939 deal with Hitler to rape Poland, his war on Finland and his annexation of the Baltic nations.

Moscow provoked world anger after the war by using Soviet guns to install Communists in power in Eastern Europe. Stalin jolted Communists by excommunicating Tito of Yugoslavia as a heretic. By that action Moscow invented the sin of Titoism and set the stage for yet another blood purge.

And what happened after the terrifying dictator died? It wasn't much different. East Germans in 1953 battled with bricks and bare fists against Soviet tanks. Poles rioted against Communist rule. Hungary exploded into revolution and the way the Soviet military dealt with that gave Moscow and communism more black eyes.

There was more to come: the attempt to make huge China toe the Soviet line, the attempt to install offensive missiles in Cuba, the sudden overthrow of Nikita S. Khrushchev which left Western Communists gasping with shock, and now the signs of a renaissance of Stalinism in such things as persecution and imprisonment of writers, evidences of official anti-Semitism and the tight rein on Communist-ruled nations.

However, time has shown that outcries fade and are eventually all but forgotten. The Kremlin has survived many. Whatever the fate of the Leningrad 11, harsh treatment of offenders continues to serve a purpose when the Kremlin has a message to get across.

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ton said the governor's budget could not be funded because the people did not want to spend more money on prisons. Hendrix at first proposed that the council recommend giving the prisons \$1.5 million the first year and then an increase of \$75,000 the second year.

Sen. Morrell Gathright of Pine Bluff asked if the money would be enough to do away with the armed trusty system and Hendrix said it would not. Bumpers' recommendation for the operation of the Board of Pardons and Paroles was adopted by the council. The council also indicated it supported Bumpers' plea for additional parole officers.

"I'm convinced we're going to have to have them," Gathright said. "We're doing the people of the state an injustice when we let 1,500 parolees roam the state with only 10 persons out supervising them."

A motion by Gathright to recommend to the General Assembly that more parole officers be hired was adopted.

Other budgets from general revenues approved Wednesday were:

- Library Commission, \$667,591 and \$667,041. This year's budget is \$657,959.
- Military Department, \$677,128 and \$697,219. This year's budget is \$654,919.
- Legislative Joint Auditing Committee, \$532,831 and \$562,022. This year's budget is \$405,331.
- Legislative Council, \$315,901 and \$327,836. This year's budget is \$315,513.
- Rehabilitation Services, \$1,975,000 and \$2,100,000. This year's budget is \$1,865,000.
- School for the Blind, \$762,031 and \$801,295. This year's budget is \$796,296.
- School for the Deaf, \$1,322,118 and \$1,394,118. This year's budget is \$1,239,178.
- Administration Department, \$1,282,891 and \$1,365,101. This year's budget is \$1,188,627.
- Governor's office, \$177,866 and \$178,107. This year's budget is \$154,101.

Special revenue budgets approved were:

- Game and Fish Commission, \$5,164,315 and \$5,292,156. This year's budget is \$6,173,743.
- Commerce Commission, \$60,295 and \$63,711. This year's budget is \$57,273.
- War Memorial Stadium, \$276,590 and \$285,410. This year's budget is \$270,368.

Senate Did Pass a Bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate, which has been unable in recent days to find its way out of the worst legislative tangle in years, passed a bill Wednesday.

The legislation authorizes interested members of the District of Columbia Fire Department, the U.S. Park Police and the White House police force to play in the city's Metropolitan Police Band.

Testifies Father Said Girl Killed

PARAGOULD, Ark. (AP) —

Randy Glover, 18, of Paragould, whose father is on trial for first-degree murder in Circuit Court here, testified Wednesday that his father told him that "we killed Judy Evans last night."

Clyde Ray Glover, 37, is charged with killing Miss Judy Evans, 20, of near Rector. Her body was found March 1, 1969, in the smoldering remains of her father's car in a gravel pit near Paragould.

Glover was convicted on the charge late in 1969, but a new trial was ordered by the state Supreme Court on grounds that Circuit Judge Charles W. Light of Paragould erred by rejecting challenges Glover's attorney made against four prospective jurors.

Under questioning by Prosecutor Gerald Pearson concerning events on the morning following the death, young Glover said he and his father were in his father's used car shop in Paragould when James Latham, 26, of Paragould, came in. Latham, also charged in Miss Evans' death, has not yet gone to trial.

Randy quoted his father as saying, "We miss \$96 just like that. We killed Judy Evans last night and she didn't have her check cashed." Miss Evans had just gotten off work at the Emerson Electric Co. plant shortly before she was killed.

The young Glover also said he asked Latham how Miss Evans was killed. He said Latham told him that his father had "hit her with his fists and knocked her out. Then we hit her with a lug wrench, put her in the car and pushed it into the gravel pit and set it on fire."

Defense attorney W. B. Howard of Jonesboro then questioned the validity of Randy's testimony.

Howard read from the transcript of the first trial and pointed out that Randy had said that Latham had told him that Miss Evans was hit "with a bumper jack."

Howard also pointed out that Randy also had been charged with first-degree murder and that Randy had become a witness for the state when told the charge would be dropped against him.

The trial was to continue today.

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Stay in a harem after midnight.
Feather a love nest.
Pull or push a camel through the eye of a needle.
Waste time by trying to teach an eel to stand up and fight like a man.
Harpoon a minnow.
Brag about my virtues.
Blush about my virtues.
Pick my teeth—or anybody else's mind—in public.
Retire.
Cultivate any garden other than my own.
Sneer at commuters and their strange lives.
Adopt or pass on a passing prejudice.
March to the sound of a deaf drummer.
Live by a timetable.
Perpetrate or perpetuate a pandy.
Inhabit or inhibit another human soul.
Break anyone's rice bowl. So help me Hannah, I do vow—now!

SENATE-HOUSE (From Page One)

But the more immediate problem was at the Capitol, in the form of a \$2.5-billion transportation appropriations bill stalled in the SST controversy.

Sen. Henry M. Jackson, D-Wash., a chief promoter of the SST measure, said he sees a 50-50 chance of compromise to settle that issue today.

The Senate originally voted to stop spending for the SST; the House voted \$290 million for the project, and a compromise bill offering \$210 million produced a filibuster in the Senate.

It was rejected in favor of new negotiations, which began Wednesday night. The conference was informal, since the House has not yet gone through the process of naming its conferees again.

The House passed Wednesday night and sent to the Senate a compromise three-year extension of the food stamp program which subsidizes grocery purchases of the poor, sticking by a disputed requirement that recipients accept almost any job offered.

Lilliputians

Lilliput is an imaginary country of Jonathan Swift's "Gulliver's Travels," whose tiny inhabitants, the Lilliputians, have given their name to anything diminutive.

Rules Mayor Can Change His Mind

LITTLE ROCK (AP) — The attorney general's office said Wednesday that Mayor-elect E. D. Chaney of Dierks could accept the office which he had previously refused.

Chaney, after being elected mayor but before taking office, resigned. Mayor O. I. Lites then said he would continue to serve until the 1972 general election.

Since that time, however, Chaney has raised the possibility he might reconsider and accept the office.

Lites was told by Deputy Atty. Gen. Henry Ginger that Chaney could not legally be denied the office of mayor if he decided to accept the post.

Boyd Tackett Wants Case Sent Back

LITTLE ROCK (AP) — Former U.S. Rep. Boyd Tackett of Texarkana, who was jailed in Miller County in October for threatening a judge's life, has asked the Arkansas Supreme Court to send the case back to Circuit Court.

Tackett said in a petition filed Wednesday with the high court he would acknowledge that his behavior was improper, apologize to the court and plead no contumacy to the four contempt charges he faces. The Supreme Court had taken Tackett's case under advisement.

Circuit Judge W. H. Arnold had charged Tackett with four counts of contempt for threatening the judge's life, sentenced him to three months in jail and fined Tackett \$250 on each count.

Tackett appealed the sentence and the Supreme Court agreed to review the case.

Pakistan Crash Kills Seven

DACCA, East Pakistan (AP) — A Pakistani airliner with 35 persons aboard crashed today 150 miles northeast of Dacca, killing seven passengers. The 28 survivors included the five crew members.

The number of injured was not known in Dacca.

The plane, a Fokker Friendship of the Pakistan International Airlines, crashed at Shamshernagar, in the Sylhet district.

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Calendar of Events

Thursday, December 31

There will be a New Years Eve dance at the Hope Country Club, Thursday, December 31 at 9 p.m. Host couples are: Mr. and Mrs. Monty Monts, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Crouch, Mrs. Lamar Cox, Luther Hollamon, and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Reynard. Breakfast will be served.

Tuesday, January 5

District 16, Registered Nurses Association, will meet Tuesday, January 5 at 7:30 p.m. in Memorial Hospital. Mrs. Juanita Rice, Director of Nurses at Memorial, will have the program.

The Alpha Delta Chapter, Delta Kappa Gamma, will not meet Tuesday, January 5, but has postponed the meeting until Monday, January 11 in the home of Miss Mary Roy Moses.

Coming, Going

Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Russell and Charles, Dallas, were with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Harrell and Mrs. Lois Russell for the Holiday weekend.

Don Bailey, Commerce, Tex., is the holiday guest of his mother, Mrs. Belva Bailey.

Mr. and Mrs. John Mills and two daughters, Memphis, and Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Samuels and two sons, Danville, Ark., were here for Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ramsey.

Mr. and Mrs. James Kent and Marsha, Las Vegas, Nev. returned home this week after spending a month with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Kent, Rte. 1, Patmos, and a sister, Mrs. Douglas Waters, and family of Patmos. Also here for a visit was another sister, Mrs. W. H. Allison, and family of For-dyce.

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Mrs. F. R. Moses and Miss Mary Roy Moses have as Christmas guests Mrs. J. R. Boyer and Mrs. Will Sanderson, both of Ashdown.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe G. McMurtrey and children, Ft. Manouth, N. J., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Verner McMurtrey of Patmos. Mr. and Mrs. Carl McMurtrey and children, El Dorado, also visited during the holidays with the McMurtreys and with Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Hamm in Hope.

Dr. Tish Jones and son, David, Miss Lynn Rowe, and Master Jeff Purvis, all of Little Rock, were Monday night guests of Mrs. Jim Smith.

Dr. and Mrs. Jack Ambrose and family, El Dorado, were holiday guests of Mrs. K. E. Ambrose and Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Whitworth.

Mr. and Mrs. Leward Sparks, Mark and Lisa, Hobbs, N. M., are spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Sparks, Mrs. George Dodds, and other relatives.

Holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Davis have included Dr. and Mrs. Rex Easter and children, Shreveport; Mr. and Mrs. Cline Franks, Elkins, Ark.; Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Davis, Shreveport; Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Forney, Springhill, La.; Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Payne and Mrs. Dixie Davis, Hope.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Oglesby and children, Russellville, are visiting his mother, Mrs. Orville Oglesby, and other relatives in Hope.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale McKinney returned home Tuesday night from Miami, Fla., and a 10-day vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hairr and granddaughter, Teresa, Wilton, N. C., and Sister Mary Lauren, St. Thomas Aquinas, Dover, N. H., have been the guests of his brother and Sister Mary's uncle, Forrest Hairr, and Mrs. Hairr.

Holiday guests of Mrs. B. C. Hyatt were her brother, Stuart Spragins of Little Rock, and the Robert Hyatt family of Ashdown. The Charles Hyatts will arrive New Year's Day from Jonesboro for a visit.

Law Schools Lashed by Woman Lawyer

By F. RICHARD CICCONE
Associated Press Writer
CHICAGO (AP) — Law schools which encourage women students but refuse to act against prospective employers practicing sex discrimination are perpetrating a "cruel hoax," says a woman law professor.

Mrs. Frederica K. Lombard, who teaches at Wayne State Law School, expressed this view after the Association of American Law Schools took what she regarded as a weak stand on the issue Wednesday.

The association, representing 122 law schools, amended its charter to prohibit discrimination against women in legal education but adopted a clause on placement practices which Mrs. Lombard described as "watered down."

The association's Committee on Equality of Opportunity for Women had proposed that law schools "insist" that employers who recruit on campuses not discriminate against women. The AALS-approved recommendation said only that member schools should state their "firm expectations" that employers will not discriminate.

Mrs. Lombard is the 1971 chairman of the AALS committee on women, which has issued a report showing that nearly twice as many girls entered law schools in 1970 compared to 1967 but that discrimination in hiring continues.

"The study," Mrs. Lombard said in an interview, "is significant because it shows the percentage of women students is increased, which means that law schools are encouraging women to attend. Yet the failure of the AALS of taking a strong stand on placement practices makes them part of a cruel hoax."

Mrs. Lombard said there was little if any discrimination against women by law schools considering admissions.

Television and Radio

By CYNTHIA LOWRY
AP Television-Radio Writer
NEW YORK (AP) — Television's examination of the world's wildlife continued Wednesday night on CBS with a report on an expedition to the Bering Sea to observe seals and walrus.

The hour, one in the "Adventure" series, trailed a team of scientists and divers headed by Dr. Carleton Ray, a zoologist who specializes in the study of marine animals. They were studying the mukluk, or bearded seal, and the smaller ringed seal, during the polar spring, particularly interested in learning how they survive beneath the heavy ice and raise their young in the frigid waters.

Some of the most interesting footage showed divers with experimental gear working through small holes dug in the ice cover.

The expedition only spotted the wily seals from a distance, but the second portion of the program, devoted to the walrus, was more rewarding since they are generally peaceful and unafraid—"a weird affectionate beast," commented Ray. "It's difficult not to be tremendously anthropomorphic about them because you cannot get in the presence of a walrus without the thing trying to crawl into your lap."

The conservation emphasis of the program was, of course, strong. A recent census indicated about 100,000 Pacific walrus are in the vicinity of Alaska, hunted on both the Siberian and Alaskan waters for their ivory, skin and meat. It is estimated that slightly more of them are born than are destroyed.

Ray's big concern, he said, was the indirect elimination of the species.

"Here we're sitting on a shallow sea, full of minerals, full of oil ... Suppose we had a gigantic oil spill everywhere here? You don't have to shoot an animal with a gun. Ruin its environment ... you can kill him a lot more effectively."

The photography was excellent, and Charles Kuralt's succinct narration was helpful.

New Year's Day will be, as usual, a time of TV parades and football games. The parades start early, first with the Cotton Bowl activity on CBS, followed by the Rose Parade on CBS and NBC, with a little overlapping competition from ABC with its Sugar Bowl parade.

ABC's Sugar Bowl game starts earliest—12:55 EST. The Cotton Bowl on CBS begins less than an hour later with the Rose Bowl on NBC at 4:45. NBC will follow with the Orange Bowl at 8 p.m.

Nevada Fears Publicity Has Soured Hughes

CARSON CITY, Nev. (AP) — Has all that publicity soured Howard Hughes on Nevada?

Probably, says Gov. Paul Laxalt, who doubts that the privacy-loving billionaire will ever be seen in these parts again.

Laxalt, leaving the statehouse today after four years in office, put it this way:

"The only times in the past Hughes has pulled out of a place was when he felt his privacy was invaded."

Other top state officials also predict Hughes never will return.

Laxalt, who flew to Las Vegas earlier this month and observed the much-publicized struggle for control of Hughes \$300 million Nevada empire, said Hughes still is vacationing in the Bahamas.

"I tried to reach him Christmas Eve to wish him a happy birthday," the governor said in an interview Wednesday. "But all the circuits were busy and I couldn't get a line."

Hughes left his tightly guarded penthouse suite at the Desert Inn, one of his six Nevada hotels, on Thanksgiving Eve. It was four years to the day after his mysterious predawn arrival in Las Vegas, reportedly on a stretcher after a train trip from Boston, where he had received medical treatment.

Laxalt said the weeks of headlines around the world on the power struggle will benefit the state in the long run.

Hughes Tool Co. won control of the Hughes Nevada operations after an 11-day court battle with Robert Maheu, whom it had fired as manager.

Wedding Vows Are Repeated



MRS. TEDDY LYNN GLAUB

St. Martins Catholic Church in Nashville was the setting for the December 27 marriage of Miss Becky Linda Bayless and Teddy Lynn Glaub. A reception honoring the couple followed at the Bayless home in Murfreesboro.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Harrison Bayless of Murfreesboro and Mr. and Mrs. George Albert Glaub of Rector.

Rev. Earl J. Booth performed the ceremony. Music was presented by Miss Stephanie Rene Glaub, sister of the groom. Candles were lit by Paul Posner, cousin of the bride.

The bride wore a gown of

Lutesong deeply pleated in front and softly gathered at the sides. The satin bib and flared split cuffs were edged with beading and seed pearls. Her shoulder length veil of French illusion fell from a head piece trimmed with beading and seed pearls. She carried a bouquet of lily of the valley and stephanotis with strings of pearls.

Miss Carolyn Ruth Clark of Pine Bluff was maid of honor and John Feland of Fayetteville served as best man. David Hartz of Stuttgart was lector. Ushers were Lt. Milton C. Broker, Nathaniel Thomas, Jim Eads. The couple is at home in Fayetteville where both attend the University of Arkansas.

LAWRENCE E. LAMB, M. D.

Rheumatic Heart No Bar To Normal Lifespan

By LAWRENCE E. LAMB, M.D.



Dear Dr. Lamb—Is it possible for a rheumatic heart patient to have a lifespan of a normal person? My husband is in his early 20s and takes penicillin daily. He is frequently overworking himself, which causes him to ache all over—legs, arms, chest, and back.

Do you think that his heart is damaged more each time he overworks? He won't slow down. Is aspirin damaging to his heart? He takes aspirin for headaches frequently. Could his headaches be caused from his heart disease?

Dear Reader—Yes, there are people with rheumatic heart disease who live a normal lifespan. We sometimes jokingly say that the way to live a long life is to get a chronic disease and take care of it.

The person who changes his living habits, like giving up cigarettes, because of a medical problem often lives longer with his disease than he would have with his bad habits and no apparent disease. I have had many men in their early 30s, who changed their daily way of living after a heart attack, tell me they felt so much better that they were glad they had developed a problem.

How much difficulty a person with rheumatic heart disease will have depends upon how much damage there is to the heart. If the disease is slight and there is no recurrence then there should be few problems.

It is important that your husband continue the daily penicillin. This protects him from a new attack of rheumatic fever and at his age he is still a prime candidate for more trouble unless he is well-protected. If he has an operation or dental work, including cleaning the teeth, the amount of penicillin should temporarily be increased. Patients with rheumatic heart disease who follow a preventive program have far less heart damage than those who fail to do so.

As long as a person does

not have active rheumatic fever, work won't hurt him unless there is serious damage to the heart valves. Most damaged heart valves cause the heart to be less efficient as a pump. In this way any physical work causes the heart to work harder than it normally would.

Remember, working the heart is normally good for it. The fact your husband can work hard enough to cause muscle aches suggests to me that his heart muscle is in better shape than his other muscles. One can be overly cautious and well-meaning wives and mothers over-protective. This, too, can be a problem in enabling a person to lead a normal active life.

Aspirin is often used in the treatment of acute rheumatic fever and is very useful for that purpose. I see no reason why a reasonable amount taken for headaches should cause any difficulty. Neither headaches nor generalized muscle aches occur because of rheumatic heart disease unless active rheumatic fever is present.

(Newspaper Enterprise Ass'n.)

Children's Hour Series on KXAR Here

General Manager Haskell Jones is pleased to announce that KXAR has resumed its very popular "Children's Hour" series as of December 28th.

The members of the Junior Auxiliary serve as hostesses for the series heard Monday thru Friday at 6:00 p.m. Here is the schedule and story list.

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| Jan. 1 | William Tell |
| Jan. 4 | Pinocchio |
| Jan. 5 | Happy Birthday Party |
| Jan. 6 | Beauty & The Beast |
| Jan. 7 | Brave Little Tailor |
| Jan. 8 | Dr. Doolittle-Tom Glazer |
| Jan. 11 | Stories Of Princesses |
| Jan. 12 | Ugly Duckling |
| Jan. 13 | The Silver Skates |
| Jan. 14 | Ring Around The Rosy |
| Jan. 15 | Story Of Mozart |
| Jan. 18 | Tom Thumb |
| Jan. 19 | Musical Multiplication |
| Jan. 20 | Funny Fairy Tales |
| Jan. 21 | The Snow Queen |
| Jan. 22 | Tom Glazer Fun & Games |
| Jan. 25 | Sinbad The Sailor |
| Jan. 26 | The Owl And The Pussycat |
| Jan. 27 | Snow White & Red Rose |
| Jan. 28 | Aesop's Fables |
| Jan. 29 | Rumpelstiltskin (The Musical Play) |

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| Feb. 1 | Rubyard Kipling (Just So Stories) |
| Feb. 2 | Goldilocks & The 3 Bears |
| Feb. 3 | Alphabet And Numbers |
| Feb. 4 | Three Musketeers |
| Feb. 5 | Macaroni The Pony |
| Feb. 6 | Don Quixote |
| Feb. 9 | The Chipmunks And Dr. Doolittle |
| Feb. 10 | The Prince And The Pauper |
| Feb. 11 | The Gingerbread Man |
| Feb. 12 | Daniel Boone |
| Feb. 15 | Gulliver In Lilliput |
| Feb. 16 | The Pied Piper |
| Feb. 17 | Moon Voyage |
| Feb. 18 | Hansel And Gretel |
| Feb. 19 | Ali Baba And The 40 Thieves |
| Feb. 22 | Robinson Crusoe |
| Feb. 23 | Snow White & The Seven Dwarfs |
| Feb. 24 | Little Toot And Sea Songs |
| Feb. 25 | Knights Of The Round Table |
| Feb. 26 | Jack And The Bean Stalk |

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| Mar. 1 | Tales Of Arabian Nights |
| Mar. 2 | Puss' In Boots |
| Mar. 3 | Mother Goose Rhymes |
| Mar. 4 | Robinson Crusoe |
| Mar. 5 | The Little Mermaid |
| Mar. 8 | Christopher Columbus |
| Mar. 9 | Wizard Of Oz |
| Mar. 10 | Mikado Musical |
| Mar. 11 | Little Red Riding Hood |
| Mar. 12 | Nursery Rhymes |
| Mar. 15 | Robinhood |
| Mar. 16 | Alice In Wonderland |
| Mar. 17 | Humpty Dumpty |
| Mar. 18 | Claude Rain-Story Of Jesus Part 1 |
| Mar. 19 | Claude Rain-Story Of Jesus Part 2 |
| Mar. 22 | Red Shoes |
| Mar. 23 | Da-ry Crockett |
| Mar. 24 | The Emperors New Clothes |
| Mar. 25 | Chipper And Playmates |
| Mar. 26 | Jack And The Beanstalk |
| Mar. 29 | Hiawatha |
| Mar. 30 | Thumbelina |
| Mar. 31 | Swiss Family Robinson |

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| Apr. 1 | The Little Mermaid |
| Apr. 2 | William Tell |

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| My son, be attentive to my words; incline your ears to my sayings. Take heed to the path of your feet, then all your ways will be sure.—Proverbs 4:20, 26. |
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Life is something like this trumpet. If you don't put anything in it you don't get anything out, and that's the truth.—William C. Handy, jazz musician.



HELEN HELP US!

by Helen Bottel

YOUTH ASKED FOR IT!

This column is for young people, their problems and pleasures, their troubles and fun. As with the rest of Helen Help Us!, it welcomes laughs but won't dodge a serious question with a brush-off.

Send your teenage questions to YOUTH ASKED for it, care of Helen Help Us! this newspaper.

DECISIONS, DECISIONS!

Dear Helen: I'm the luckiest girl in the world and the most miserable. You see, I love two boys equally as well. Both want to marry me, and — this sounds crazy, Helen, but I could be happy all the rest of my life with either one of them!

John is in the Service and won't be home for a year. Dave is here, has a good job and says I have to make up my mind or he won't be around much longer. John gave me his ring. Dave wants me to send it back.

They're both wonderful guys. But here's another complication: I want to be an airline stewardess and live a little before I settle down. I've already passed my preliminary test and have a good chance.

What shall I do, toss a three sided coin? — PUSHED, PULLED AND UNPERSUADED

Dear P.P. and U.: Fly now, decide later, say I...And if you don't like my advice, well — you're that much closer to a decision, right? — H.

Dear Helen: You gave girls a list of "poor risk" qualities to watch out for in males. How about doing the same for guys? — DEKE

Dear Deke: We-I-I, maybe you should think twice about marriage if she — 1. Has nothing, but nothing, good to say about her family. 2. Orders the most expensive dinner on the menu and then leaves half of it.

3. On a picnic, won't go swimming because she might ruin her hair-do or makeup. 4. Makes fun of your friends. 5. Thinks all your former girl friends are creeps.

6. Wants things her way or not at all. 7. Figures she can win any argument with a tear.

8. Considers herself a sex symbol. 9. Can't understand your jokes. 10. Is catty about her girl friends.

11. Bored you (when you switch to conversation). 12. Doesn't know what's happening in the world and cares less.

13. Puts you down, or finds constant fault. 14. Can't talk intelligently about anything but clothes or herself.

15. Would be lost without a

mirror. 16. Thinks your time is HER time — every minute of it. 17. Hates sports (if you like them) or loves sports (if you dislike them). 18. At a party, either sticks to you like glue, or disappears completely. 19. Goes for "high" society — either kind. 20. Drinks too much.

If she qualifies on more than five of these points — you're taking a big chance. — H.

Dear Helen: In our paper, the APO number of the Americal Division (which wants mail) was evidently wrong, as my letter was returned. Could you give the address again? — DIANE

Dear Diane: Letters to Servicemen can be sent to AMERICAL Division, B Btry, 3d Bn., 16th Arty, APO San Francisco, 96374. Also to Vietnam Mail Call, Box 3104-A, Columbus, Georgia. — H.

Basques Dance, Celebrate Commutation

By KENNETH L. DAVIS
Associated Press Writer
MADRID (AP) — Spaniards turned their attention today to ringing in the New Year after Generalissimo Francisco Franco spared six Basque nationalists from execution.

Commutation of the death sentences Wednesday night sent Basques in northern Spain into the streets dancing and relaxed the tension that had gripped the country for weeks. Pope Paul VI, the Archbishop of Canterbury and other foreign leaders expressed appreciation for Franco's clemency.

The six Basques were sentenced to death Monday in Burgos by a military court which convicted them of the murder of a chief of the political police. Three of them received double death sentences.

Franco, faced with the gravest political crisis of his 31-year rule and under heavy pressure from abroad, reduced the sentences to 30 years each in prison, to be served concurrently with prison sentences ranging from 27½ to 60 years given five of them by the military court.

There was no clemency for nine other Basques in the Burgos trial who got prison terms of 12 to 70 years for terrorist activity. But it was believed one of the 15 would serve more than 30 years since 30 years and a day is considered fulfillment of a life sentence in Spain. The oldest of the defendants is 37.

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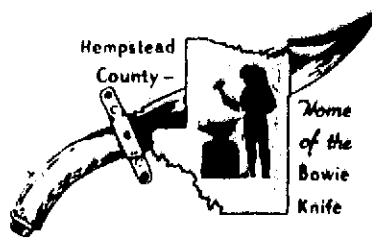
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Facts Back Up Business Optimism for Year Ahead

Talbot Feild, Jr., retiring state representative of Hempstead County, saved me a tear-sheet of Arkansas Gazette dated Dec. 25 because it carried a report by the Arkansas Business & Economic Review showing Hempstead as having made the greatest percentage gain in per capita income of all 75 Arkansas counties in the 1960-69 decade.

I mention Talbot's thoughtfulness because otherwise I might have missed seeing the article as I spent Christmas in Florida, arriving home Dec. 26. Hempstead's per capita income for the decade was \$2,646, an increase of 132.9 per cent.

Three other South Arkansas counties also led the state in the percentage rise: Nevada second with \$2,300 and 128.6 per cent; Calhoun third with \$2,029 and 123.2 per cent; and Pike, fifth with \$2,416 and 114.9 per cent. Fourth place went to Sharp County in North Arkansas with \$1,834 and 118.1 per cent.

Percentage figures frequently are misleading because a county's earlier economic plight makes a relatively slight dollar gain look big percentage-wise. But Managing Editor Paul H. Jones' industrial roundup story in yesterday's Star is proof that Hempstead County's advance is for real dollar-wise, too.

Big capital outlays for new poultry plants and added employees will be effective in the local economy in 1971.

Nearing completion is the Kroger company's big feed mill northeast of the municipal airport on a spur of the Nashville branch of Missouri Pacific railroad—to be one of the largest in the South.

Under construction on the old Ramwood Products plant site in the former Southwestern Proving Ground reservation is a laying-hen processing plant for Hope Foods, Inc.

And another Kroger plant, to process broilers, is scheduled for completion in 1973.

The two Kroger plants alone represent an outlay of 3 million dollars—looming much bigger than any percentage calculation.

All Southwest Arkansas is thankful for the development of the poultry industry here the last two decades. It has prospered—and now the big money is moving in to put up the plants that package poultry products for the metropolitan centers.

There's nothing like big plant investments to stimulate one's faith in the future of our town, our county, and our neighbors.

Most of Hope's businesses had a good year in 1970, including The Star—and all the signs point to still better times in 1971—something to be thankful for this New Year's Eve.

Partly Cloudy Skies for New Years

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The National Weather Service is predicting partly cloudy skies for New Years, with temperatures on the mild side.

Temperatures will range from the mid 20s to mid 30s for the low to a high in the upper 40s to upper 50s.

Light rain and some snow fell on Arkansas throughout the night Wednesday. The weather service said that the snow was reported in the higher elevations of Northern Arkansas with accumulations of almost two inches in the Ozark area.

The highs Wednesday ranged from 39 at Jonesboro to 48 at Texarkana.

Overnight lows were Fayetteville, 34; Harrison, 32; Jonesboro, 34; Pine Bluff, 38; Texarkana, 41; El Dorado, 38; Memphis, 34; Little Rock, 52; and Fort Smith, 40.

Precipitation recorded during the 24-hour period ending at 6 a.m. today included: .13 of an inch of rain at Fayetteville; .19 at Harrison; .53 at Jonesboro; .29 at Pine Bluff; .51 at Texarkana; .42 at El Dorado; .57 at Memphis; .52 at Little Rock and .16 at Fort Smith.

Another Chance



Noisemakers Ready for the New Year

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

From throwing out the crockery in Rome to counting out the year in New York, the familiar New Year's Eve rituals were set to begin today buoyed by champagne, noisemakers and the strains of "Auld Lang Syne."

Casting aside the cares of inflation, Europeans registered heavy bookings at Continental restaurants and night clubs despite generally higher charges than last year.

But in the United States, the economic squeeze was blamed for a reduction in advance reservations at night spots in several major cities. Some places lowered prices and a handful canceled celebrations.

The West Coast was the major exception to the U.S. business slump, with Los Angeles and San Francisco reporting reservations going well and even some sell-outs.

Reports from Boston, Dallas and Seattle, Wash., showed clubs reducing per person prices for New Year's Eve by as much as \$10 compared to last year.

The Pump Room in Chicago pared its price from \$39 to \$33 per person for the evening "to encourage celebrants in a conservative spending economy and to start the year off with a bow to the budget minded."

Prices were not cut at the Grand Ballroom in New York's Waldorf-Astoria but neither were they raised. Guy Lombardo will do his "Auld Lang Syne" thing from the hotel in a television broadcast on 145 stations.

Elsewhere in New York the traditional lighted ball will drop in the Times Square countdown and the city will host its third annual New Year's Eve party in Central Park, with bell ringing, music and fireworks.

Way of Life Takes a Lot of Giving Up to Make a Better Man

By HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK (AP) — Things a columnist pledges not to do in 1971:

Drink a martini.
Blow his own horn—except maybe a teensy-weensy blast.
Sit on a flagpole.
Tell other people how to lead their lives.

Advocate a further rise in taxes.
Open a delicatessen.
Close a pawn shop.
Play tidily winks with Mae West.

Scratch Phyllis Diller's back.
Preach a sermon in mixed company.
Make the natives restless.

Join a lodge.
Marry a girl who doesn't have red hair.

Bet on a white racehorse.

Senate-House Group in Another Try to Settle SS and SST Stalemate

By WALTER R. MEARS

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — An old Congress is about to wearily welcome a New Year, still waging the battles of 1970 on the eve of 1971.

Senate-House negotiators were making another attempt to settle the stalemate over subsidies for the supersonic transport airplane.

And there was a cross-Capitol dispute over the fate of a bill to increase Social Security benefits.

But the stack of legislation confronting the waning Congress was dwindling.

"I wish I could give more encouraging news on the SST, which may well be the final roadblock to adjournment," said Senate Democratic Leader Mike Mansfield.

Sen. Hugh Scott, the Republican leader, said he hopes the 91st Congress will call it quits by tonight.

But the odds appeared to be against it.

Mansfield said he expects a Senate session Saturday—just a day before the time the Constitution sets for expiration of the current Congress.

Another potential complication: the possibility President Nixon might choose to pocket veto legislation sent to the White House on Dec. 22.

A pocket veto kills a bill if the president does not sign it within 10 days after receiving it—if Congress is not in session when that time expires.

Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., said Nixon has 22 unsigned bills, some of which could die by pocket veto if Congress is in adjournment Saturday.

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By CARL C. CRAFT

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — A leading Senate critic of Pentagon spending policy says a new effort to resolve the complex case of Lockheed's costly C5 transport plane represents the collapse of the military contract system.

"Deputy Secretary of Defense David Packard has the dubious distinction of being midwife to one of the strangest offspring yet to be seen in the military-industrial complex—the loss-plus contract," Sen. William Proxmire said Wednesday after hearing of the Pentagon proposal.

The Wisconsin Democrat, whose subcommittee originally put the spotlight on the financial woes surrounding the giant craft, said the "only justification I can see for changing the terms of the contract and letting Lockheed off the hook on the C5 as well as the other contracts in dispute is the determination that the military contract system has completely collapsed."

Covering a series of major projects with Lockheed—the prime one being C5—government payments over original obligations apparently would exceed \$1 billion.

As for alternatives, Packard said the Pentagon prefers to provide Lockheed Aircraft Corp. with a fixed \$200-million loss on the C5. Under another proposed settlement in the legal dispute over the contract, he calculated the firm's losses might be pushed as high as \$480 million.

In presenting Pentagon recommendations in an eight-page letter to chairmen of key Capitol Hill committees, Packard said the goal is—if possible—to avoid bankruptcy for the firm which is the nation's biggest defense contractor.

At Burbank, Calif., a Lockheed statement said the Pentagon offer, "proposing methods of resolving the contractual disputes," had been received, would be studied, and a response would be made as early as possible.

New Junior Miss Picked

LITTLE ROCK (AP) — Kathy White, 17, of North Little Rock was named Arkansas' Junior Miss here Wednesday night.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth C. White, she was North Little Rock Junior Miss.

Susan Douglas, 17, of Jonesboro, was named first runner-up.

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38 Bodies Recovered From Mine

By SY RAMSEY

Associated Press Writer

HYDEN, Ky. (AP) — Rescue workers found two more bodies deep inside a mountain today, bringing to 38 the number killed in a searing blast at a mine cited earlier this year by federal inspectors for safety violations.

A four-inch layer of snow hid some traces of the disaster at the Finley Coal Co. as the bodies were carried to the surface.

H. N. Kirkpatrick, state commissioner of mines, announced the mine was being closed until Saturday morning when inspection teams will move into the operation.

The only known survivor of the blast was hospitalized with minor injuries, incurred when he was blown back out of the tunnel.

Charles Finley, co-owner of the mine, acknowledged there were "small violations" charged by federal inspectors under the new Mine Safety Act but declined to elaborate.

"I'd rather not answer too many of those questions," Finley told newsmen gathered at the headquarters for the rescue teams.

Finley, sleepless after a night-long vigil, said there were about 100 miners employed on three shifts inside the nonunion plant. He said their pay averaged "better than \$24 a day."

The original list provided by the company showed 39 men were working Wednesday afternoon when the blast occurred. But officials said one of the men apparently was not in the mine.

Commissioner Kirkpatrick also said he believed all victims had been removed from the mine, five miles from Hyden.

Everett Bartlett, supervisor of the Hazard district of the Kentucky Department of Mines and Minerals, attributed the disaster to one of two things:

"Either they were shooting (dynamiting) the coal in there or it was a blown (electrical) cable."

In federal inspections earlier this year, the mine was cited for a variety of mine safety law violations, the Louisville Courier-Journal reported.

The newspaper said records show that in June a federal inspector found an "imminent danger" because of loose coal and coal dust accumulations and ordered mining stopped. It resumed operations three days later after deficiencies were corrected.

Jobless Rate Below Nat'l Average

LITTLE ROCK (AP) — The state Employment Security Division reported Wednesday that the unemployment rate in Arkansas during November ran below the national average for the first time this year.

The agency announced that the unemployment rate in Arkansas stood at 5.6 per cent while the national rate had been set at 5.8 per cent.

While officials at the ESD said the new rate indicated an improvement in the state's economic picture, Gov.-elect Dale Bumpers has warned the state has not yet felt the full impact of the nationwide recession.

Bumpers said Monday that it was too early to tell how the economic crisis that has struck the East and Midwest would affect Arkansas.

Murder Trial Jury Picked

LITTLE ROCK (AP) — Jury selection was completed Wednesday in the first-degree murder trial of Mrs. Ruth Ann Cantrell of Little Rock, who is charged with the fatal shooting of her husband in the couple's home on July 22.

The defendant's husband was Raymond H. Cantrell, 46, a security officer at the Little Rock unit of the State Hospital.

The University of Arkansas Dance Workshop under the direction of Eleanor King, will hold a special program January 7-9 . . . part of the program will be a Greek chorus from "The Bacchae," choreographed by Clifford Langford of Hope . . . he is also one of the dancers in the chorus.

Fishing licenses for 1971 are now on sale, the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission announces . . . the new licenses have been mailed to many license dealers around the state and should be available . . . also on sale for the 1971 fishing year are the new trout permits . . . After January 1, 1971 it shall be unlawful for any person 16 or more years of age to retain any trout caught from any waters of the state, other than those waters covered by a put and take pay lake license, without a trout permit . . . the permit is in the form of a stamp and like the duck stamp is not valid until signed across the face in ink by the person to whom it is issued . . . any person over 16 years who catches a trout and does not possess a permit shall immediately return the trout to the water.

Danny L. Ashbrook, son of Mr. and Mrs. D.A. Ashbrook of 394 W. Elm, Prescott, Ark. has been promoted to airman first class in the U.S. Air Force . . . Airman Ashbrook, a communications operations specialist at Goodfellow, AFB, Tex., previously served at Keesler AFB, Miss . . . He is a 1969 graduate of Prescott High School and his wife, Debbie, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hooks of Rt. 1, Prescott.

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AP News Digest

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The familiar New Year's Eve rituals are set to begin today buoyed by champagne, noisemakers and the strains of "Auld Lang Syne."

MOSCOW (AP)—The Russian Supreme Court has commuted the death sentences of two Jews convicted of treason in the Leningrad hijack plot, giving them 15-year labor camp sentences. Labor camp sentences given three other defendants were reduced.

HYDEN, Ky. (AP) — Rescue workers seek the last of 39 men presumed killed by a shattering explosion in a coal mine cited by federal inspectors for safety violations earlier this year. No connection was drawn between the citations and Wednesday's blast.

SAIGON (AP) — U.S. and South Vietnamese forces begin observing a 24-hour New Year's cease-fire as the allied commands announce sharp increases in their casualties last week despite the Christmas truce.

WASHINGTON (AP) — The stack of legislation confronting the waning Congress dwindles, but major disputes over the SST program and Social Security benefits continue.

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Nixon's use of a pocket veto to kill a family doctor training bill is being challenged by legislators who contend he overstepped his constitutional bounds.

MADRID (AP) — Spaniards turn to celebrating the New Year after Generalissimo Francisco Franco spares six Basque nationalists from execution. Appreciation for Franco's clemency is voiced by foreign leaders.

Deadline for Registrants of the Draft

LITTLE ROCK (AP) — Col. Willard Hawkins, state director of the Selective Service, cautioned Wednesday draft registrants with lottery numbers higher than 195 about the deadline for increasing vulnerability.

Hawkins said the registrants must contact their local draft boards in writing, postmarked no later than midnight tonight if they wish to be placed in Class 1A for the calendar year 1970.

This action would result in decreasing vulnerability in 1971 and subsequent years, Hawkins said.

All Around Town

By The Star Staff

In observance of the New Year many local stores and businesses will be closed Friday, January 1 . . . however, practically everything but the local banks and governmental offices, will be open as usual on Saturday, January 2 . . . Hope Post Office will close Friday but will be open on regular schedule on Saturday . . . there will be no rural or city deliveries Friday but mail will be placed in boxes and dispatches as usual and stamps are available in the lobby machine . . . The Star will go to press about noon Friday so employees can watch the bowl games . . . Hope Public School will open for classes on regular schedule on Monday, January 4, ending a two-week holiday.

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Russian Court Commutes Sentences of 2

By MICHAEL JOHNSON

Associated Press Writer

MOSCOW (AP) — The Supreme Court of the Russian Republic today commuted the death sentences of the two Jews convicted of treason on Christmas Eve in the Leningrad hijack case.

The court reduced the sentences of Edward Kuznetsov, 31, and Mark Dymshits, 43, to 15-year terms in a labor camp.

It also reduced the labor camp terms given in Leningrad to three other defendants but upheld the other six sentences.

Labor camp sentences given three other defendants were reduced, while the sentences of confinement for six other defendants were upheld.

The Soviet clemency came less than 24 hours after Generalissimo Francisco Franco of Spain commuted the death sentences given six Basque nationalists for a political murder.

The sentences in both the Soviet and Spanish trials had touched off protest demonstrations in many foreign countries and appeals for clemency from many.

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ALC Refuses Prison Budget, Asks New One

LITTLE ROCK (AP) — The Arkansas Legislative Council refused Wednesday to recommend a budget for the operation of the state's prisons and told Correction Commissioner C. Robert Sarver to submit a new detailed budget by 10 a.m. Monday.

The Department of Correction had submitted a budget request totaling \$3,274,267 in the next fiscal year and \$3,447,696 the following year. It included authorization for 394 employees, compared with 157 that are authorized now.

Gov.-elect Dale Bumpers recommended Monday that \$2,236,000 in general revenue be allocated to prison reform in the 1972 fiscal year and \$2,602,791 in the 1973 fiscal year. Most of the increase would be used to hire more guards to continue phasing out the armed trusty system.

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Casualties Increase During Truce

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SAIGON (AP) — U.S. and South Vietnamese forces began observing a 24-hour New Year's cease-fire tonight as the allied commands announced sharp increases in their casualties last week despite the Christmas truce.

The U.S. Command said 41 Americans were killed in action, 18 more than the week before, while South Vietnamese combat dead increased from 266 to 301 last week. Enemy casualties dropped, however, with 1,250 reported killed last week compared with 1,433 a week earlier.

An American spokesman said there was no major upsurge in battlefield action to account for the increases but there were numerous small contacts. He said the American total also probably was increased by some "spillover," deaths the previous week that had not been included in that total, which was the lowest in more than five years.

Another 141 Americans were reported wounded last week, 26 less than the week before, the U.S. Command said. A total of 44,208 Americans now have been killed in action in the Vietnam war and 293,224 have been wounded, according to the U.S. Command.

With the start of the New Year's truce, allied forces were instructed to cease all combat operations except in self-defense until 6 p.m. Friday — 5 a.m. EST.

The Viet Cong proclaimed a 72-hour cease-fire beginning 17 hours before the allied truce, but the Saigon government reported that the enemy broke his cease-fire 20 minutes after it started with a lightning attack that killed 19 persons at a hamlet 24 miles northwest of Saigon.

The victims included 15 members of the People's Self-Defense Force, or home guard, two local militia soldiers, the hamlet chief and his deputy. The raid was over in two minutes, the raiders didn't lose a man, and they made off with a member of the self-defense force who a U.S. adviser said may or may not have been in league with them.

A few hours later, Australian infantrymen ambushed a Viet Cong force of about 100 men 60 miles southeast of Saigon and killed 21 of them without taking any casualties of their own.

The U.S. Command in Saigon disclosed details of a 10-day series of air raids that it claimed knocked out a giant North Vietnamese supply complex on the Ho Chi Minh trail in southeastern Laos.

One Air Force spokesman said the raids were the most successful of the year in terms of results.

Says Inaugural Parade to Be Largest

LITTLE ROCK (AP) — State Rep. Sturgis Miller of Pine Bluff, chairman of the 1971 Inaugural Parade, said today he expects the parade to be "one of the largest in the history of Arkansas."

Miller said he expected about 35 to 40 floats, 25 beauty queens—including Miss Arkansas, and 30 marching bands to participate.

Gov.-elect Dale Bumpers and Lt. Gov.-elect Bob Riley are to ride in the first part of the parade and then leave the procession at the Old State House to review the event from an official stand.

The parade will begin at the Territorial Restoration and terminate at the state Capitol.